

U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward the Americas in 2010 and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Otto J. Reich, former Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL WORKER RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on International Worker Rights, U.S. Foreign Policy and the International Economy. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Sandra Polaski, Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

INDIAN TRUST ACCOUNT—CASE SETTLEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on proposed settlement of the Corbell v. Salazar Litigation. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

EPA/NOAA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Research and Development Budget Proposals and EPA and NOAA. Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

NSF BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the National Science Foundation's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director; and Steven C. Beering, Chair, National Science Board.

PENDING BUSINESS/VA RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3976, amended, Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 3948, amended, Test Prep for Heroes Act; H.R. 4592, amended, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program

to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions; H.R. 1879, amended, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 4667, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2010; and the End Veteran Homeless Act of 2010.

The committee also held a hearing on Structuring the VA of the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

MIP AND SERVICE ELEMENTS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on MIP and Service Elements Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Covert Action Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLEAN ENERGY RECOVERY

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Clean Energy Recovery: Creating Jobs, Building New Industries and Saving Money." Testimony was heard from Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director, Department of Development, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for military construction for the Department of Defense, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Joint Strike Fighter, 9 a.m., SD-G50.